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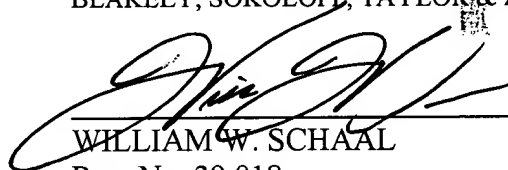
This is a preliminary amendment prior to examination by the Examiner. Applicant has amended the title, pages 5 and 11 to correct typographical errors. Also, page 9, line 17, has been amended to include text that merely repeats the disclosure made in the text of blocks 245, 250, 255 and 260 of Figure 2. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that no substantive new matter has been added.

Examination of the above-entitled patent application is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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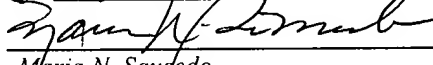
  
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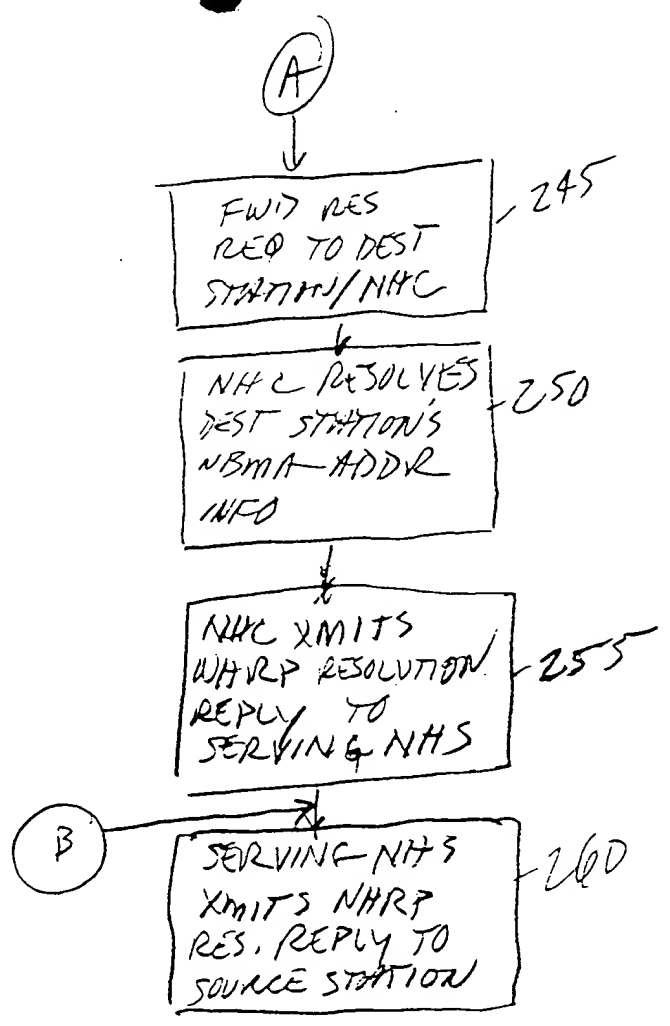
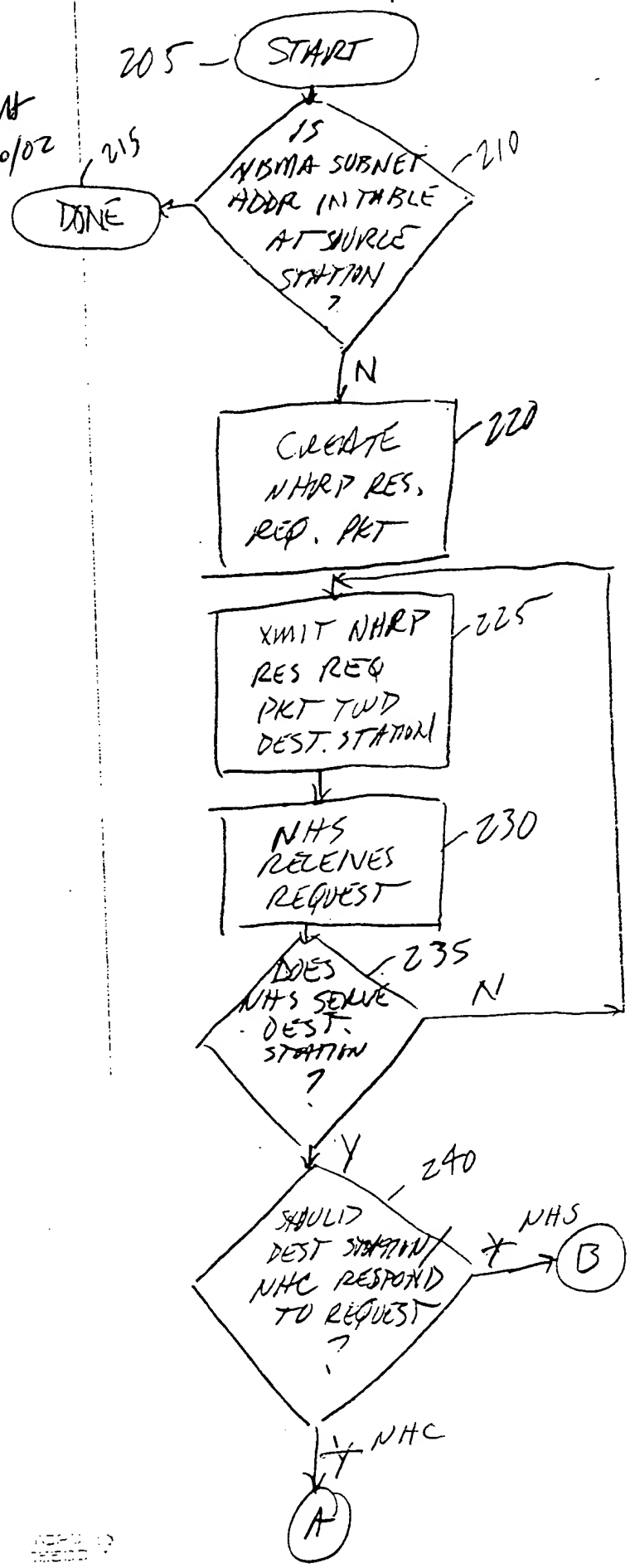


FIG. 2

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